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## Life sciences study design

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| Sample size     | No statistical methods were used to predetermine the sample sizes. The number of animals in each group was determined according to previous studies cited in our manuscript. The size of each sample is in close agreement with those studies already published and with the need for statistical analysis to discuss the degree of differences and measure the variability of these in vivo data. |
| Data exclusions | No data were excluded from the analysis.   |
| Replication     | All statistical data shown in this paper are based on the paper we published in Science Translation Medicine (Sci Transl Med 12, eaay1063.) All the experimental findings were replicated with the number of replicates, animals and variation shown by n and SD.  |
| Randomization   | Therapeutics study: animals were distributed randomly into different groups. Each specific treatment was administrated to animals according to established schedules and regimens.   |
| Blinding        | Investigators were blinded when performing therapeutic study. During the experiments designed to evaluate the therapeutic efficiacy , animals were randomly divided into control and treatment groups.   |

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## Antibodies

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| Antibodies used | Anti-CaMKII $\gamma$ (1:400, Novus Biologicals, cat. no. NBP2-15685). <a href="https://scicrunch.org/resolver/RRID:AB_2892990">https://scicrunch.org/resolver/RRID:AB_2892990</a> . (Novus, Cat# NBP2-15685, RRID:AB_2892990)<br>Anti-Mac2 antibody (1:10,000, Cedarlane Labs, cat. no. CL8942AP). <a href="https://scicrunch.org/resolver/RRID:AB_2814900">https://scicrunch.org/resolver/RRID:AB_2814900</a> . (Fluidigm Cat# 3153026B, RRID:AB_2814900)<br>Anti-MerTK (1:500, R&D Systems, cat. no. AF591). <a href="https://scicrunch.org/resolver/RRID:AB_2098565">https://scicrunch.org/resolver/RRID:AB_2098565</a> . (R and D Systems Cat# AF591, RRID:AB_2098565).<br>Alexa Fluor 647 Goat-anti Mouse IgG (Life Technologies, A-28181). <a href="https://scicrunch.org/resolver/RRID:AB_2536165">https://scicrunch.org/resolver/RRID:AB_2536165</a> . (Thermo Fisher Scientific Cat# A28181, RRID:AB_2536165). |
| Validation      | Anti-CaMKII $\gamma$ (1:400, Novus Biologicals, cat. no. NBP2-15685), Predicted Species: Rat (100%), Porcine (100%), Bovine (100%), Rabbit (100%), Rhesus Macaque (100%), Xenopus (97%). Application: Western Blot 1:500-1:3000, Immunocytochemistry/Immunofluorescence 1:100-1:1000, Immunohistochemistry, Immunohistochemistry-Paraffin<br><br>Anti-Mac2 antibody (1:10,000, Cedarlane Labs, cat. no. CL8942AP), reactivity : human, mouse, rat; Application: immunohistochemistry, immunohistochemistry - paraffin section, immunohistochemistry - frozen section, immunohistochemistry knockout validation.<br><br>Anti-MerTK (1:500, R&D Systems, cat. no. AF591). Species Reactivity: Mouse. Application: Flow Cytometry 2.5 $\mu$ g/106 cells, Immunohistochemistry 1-15 $\mu$ g/mL, CyTOF-ready, Dual RNAscope ISH-IHC.   |

Alexa Fluor 647 Goat-anti Mouse IgG (Life Technologies, A-28181). Species Reactivity: Mouse. Application: Immunohistochemistry (Frozen) (IHC (F)), Flow Cytometry (Flow), Immunocytochemistry (ICC/IF), Miscellaneous PubMed (Misc)

## Eukaryotic cell lines

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| Cell line source(s)  | HeLa-Luc cells (a HeLa cell line stably transfected with a firefly luciferase reporter gene, Sigma-Aldrich, cat. no. 11033106). <a href="https://scicrunch.org/resolver/RRID:CVCL_2939">https://scicrunch.org/resolver/RRID:CVCL_2939</a> . (ECACC Cat# 11033106, RRID:CVCL_2939)<br>RAW 264.7 (ATCC, TIB-71™). <a href="https://scicrunch.org/resolver/RRID:CVCL_0493">https://scicrunch.org/resolver/RRID:CVCL_0493</a> . (ATCC Cat# TIB-71, RRID:CVCL_0493)<br>HEK-293 (ATCC, CRL-1573™). <a href="https://scicrunch.org/resolver/RRID:CVCL_0045">https://scicrunch.org/resolver/RRID:CVCL_0045</a> . (ATCC Cat# CRL-1573, RRID:CVCL_0045) |
| Authentication   | The cell lines used in the research are regularly checked to ensure they are authentic and are not infected with mycoplasma.  |
| Mycoplasma contamination   | All cells were negative for mycoplasma.   |
| Commonly misidentified lines<br>(See <a href="#">ICLAC</a> register) | No commonly misidentified cell line were used.  |

## Animals and other organisms

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| Laboratory animals      | Ldlr <sup>-/-</sup> mice (The Jackson Laboratory, B6.129S7-Ldlrtm1Her/J, Stock No: 002207), Six- to eight-week-old male C57BL/6J mice, 6-week-old female and male BALB/c mice were purchased from the Jackson laboratory (Bar Harbor, ME). |
| Wild animals            | No wild animals were used in this study.   |
| Field-collected samples | This study did not involve samples collected from the fields.  |
| Ethics oversight        | All animals received humane care. All procedures were conducted in accordance with protocols approved by the Institutional Animal Care and Use Committees at Harvard Medical School and Columbia University Irving Medical Center.         |

Note that full information on the approval of the study protocol must also be provided in the manuscript.

## Flow Cytometry

### Plots

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### Methodology

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| Sample preparation        | Single cell suspensions from cultured cells were used for flow cytometry tests.  |
| Instrument                | Flow cytometer (BD LSR Fortessa)   |
| Software                  | Flowjo v7.6  |
| Cell population abundance | Relevant cell fractions were above 90% for all samples.  |
| Gating strategy           | Generally, cells were first gated on FSC/SCC. Singlet cells were usually gated using FSC-H and FSC-A. Debris were removed by thresholding. |

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